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Amendment To The Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0021] The mailing machine also includes non-contact optical sensors 130 and 132. The cleaning card 100 includes a substrate sheet 110 that is preferably ABS material that is 0.0625 inches thick. Alternatively, the thickness of the substrate sheet may be varied as appropriate for the particular type of machine to be cleaned. The illustrative cleaning card 100 includes five cleaning strips 112, 114, 116, 118 and 119 having the shape of a rectangular prism that preferably include lint-free, lead-free, non-abrasive, open-cell foam. The cleaning strips are attached to the substrate sheet in intervals and are glued to the substrate sheet transverse to the direction of travel A. In an alternative, the number of strips may be varied and the interval between strips may be varied. In another alternative, the strips do not extend across the entire substrate sheet 110 because the position of the LED devices may not require coverage across the entire sheet.

[0031] Alternative cleaning strip 214 has the profile shown in which the leading edge and trailing edge are both angled from the attachment end to the center point of the distal top edge forming a triangular prism.